

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (withdrawn): A decorative multilayer material comprising a breathable decorative layer and a breathable material laminated onto one of the surfaces of the breathable decorative layer.
2. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein the breathable material is a multilayer fiber composite prepared by laminating layers of fibers.
3. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 2, wherein the ratio of the fibers lying in the direction of the plane of the multilayer fiber composite (planar ratio) is at least 50% of all fibers.
4. (previously presented): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 2, wherein the ratio (crossing ratio) between the amount of fibers lying in the machine direction of the multilayer fiber composite and the amount of fibers lying in a direction crossing the machine direction is in the range of 50% to 200%.
5. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein a substantially unbreathable film is interposed between the breathable decorative layer and the breathable material to form an integral composite.

6. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 5, wherein the thickness of the substantially unbreathable film is 10 to 50 μm .

7. (currently amended): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein a breathable sheet or film having through holes is interposed between the breathable decorative layer and the breathable material, and wherein the diameter of the through holes is from 0.5mm to 10mm.

8. (original): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 7, wherein the interfacial bonding strength between the breathable sheet or film having the through holes and the decorative layer and that between the breathable sheet or film having the through holes and the breathable material are each 3 N/25 mm (width) or more in a 180° peel test.

9. (canceled).

10. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein the breathable decorative layer and/or the breathable material comprises a nonwoven cloth.

11. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein the breathable decorative layer and/or the breathable material comprises polyester fibers.

12. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein the breathable decorative layer and/or the breathable material comprises natural fibers or reclaimed fibers.

13. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein the breathable decorative layer and/or the breathable material comprises heat-bondable fibers.

14. (withdrawn): A laminate for interior materials, comprising a laminated closed-cell foam material and the decorative multilayer material according to claim 1 laminated thereon.

15. (withdrawn): The laminate for interior materials according to claim 14, wherein the laminated closed-cell foam material comprises a polyphenylene ether resin.

16. (previously presented): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 3, wherein the ratio (crossing ratio) between the amount of fibers lying in the machine direction of the multilayer fiber composite and the amount of fibers lying in a direction crossing the machine direction is in the range of 50% to 200%.

17. (canceled).